

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

MORAN, James P. (Democrat)  
Representative, 8th District, Virginia  
Elected 1990 to the 102nd Congress  
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



## BACKGROUND

Born: Buffalo, New York - 16 May 1945

Home: Alexandria, Virginia

Marital Status: Separated - 4 children, 1 stepchild

Religion: Roman Catholic

Education: Holy Cross, BA, 1967; City Univ of NY, 1967-8; Univ of Pittsburgh, MA, 1970

Military: None

Profession: Businessman; investment broker

Political: Alexandria City Council, 1979-84; Mayor, 1985-90. Defeated Rep Stan Parris (R) in 1990 with 52% of the vote. Reelected in 2000 with 63%; and in 2002 with 60% of the vote.

Rep Moran, a liberal, is considered a staunch defender of government workers. In the 102<sup>nd</sup> Congress, supported granting President Bush authority to use force in the Persian Gulf, but changed his mind after a CIA briefing and town meeting. In the 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress, was appointed to Appropriations Cmte. Introduced legislation to put civilian/military retirees on the same timetable for receiving COLAs. In the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress, lost seat on Appropriations Cmte and took seats on International Relations and Government Reform. Introduced legislation to pay federal workers during government shutdown. Opposed efforts to make federal workers pay more into pension system. In 105<sup>th</sup> Congress regained seat on Appropriations Cmte. Introduced bill to permit covered beneficiaries under the military health care system who are also entitled to Medicare to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP). During floor debate of FY99 DoD Auth Bill spoke in support of an amdt on Medicare subvention demonstration projects.

In the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress was appointed to Appropriations Defense Subcmte. Strongly supported US participation in the Kosovo conflict (NATO's Operation Allied Force) and said we were successful in putting strength and resoluteness in NATO. Added the US should be proud of what it accomplished. (CR, 1Jul99) Referring to the F-22, said that while he loved the vision the plane represents, he supported the HAC/Defense Subc's July 99 recommendation to refocus the program. (Virginian Pilot, 14Jul99). Warned Congress not to cut the pay of senior level federal executives. Expressed approval of the Pentagon's plan to offer transportation subsidies its military and civilian employees. (WashPost, 3Mar00) Supports efforts to make public aggregate budget numbers for intelligence expenditures.

In the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, became co-chair of the Democratic Caucus Task Force on Defense and Military Personnel. In the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress was stripped of his regional whip post by Rep Pelosi after he made remarks suggesting that the strong support of the Jewish community was a major factor in the US decision to go to war with Iraq. Expressed concern that the proposed DoD civil service reforms in the FY04 DoD authorization bill would strip away employee rights. Cosponsored legislation to ensure that government cost-saving efforts not reduce prescription drug benefits for Federal retirees.

Additional: Daughter Dorothy was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor in Aug94. Wife (Mary) filed for divorce 24Jun99. Member of the Army Caucus, House Navy-Marine Corps Caucus, Co-Chair of the Federal Government Service Caucus

AF Bases: None

## COMMITTEES

APPROPRIATIONS -- Subcs on Defense; Interior; Legislative Branch (Ranking minority)

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